FORM OF PRAYER

AT THE

Laying of the Corner-Stone

OF THE

Church of the Good Shepherd,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 1889, AT 3.15 P. M.

Processional.

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One Holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppress,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee. AMEN.

When they have reached the ground, on which the church is to be built, the Bishop, clergy and others shall repeat the 122d psalm as follows:

I WAS glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, *to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the* LORD.

For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David.

O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces

For my brethren and companions' sakes I will wish thee prosperity

Yea because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end —Amen

Then shall be sung the Apostles' Creed:

I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church; The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting —*Amen.*

Priest—The Lord be with you.

People—And with thy spirit.

Priest—Let us pray.

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee; we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to build an house, for the honor of Thy Name and for the comfort and salvation of the souls for whom Thine only Son did shed His precious blood. Accept the offering which, in all humility, we bring to Thee of that which is Thine own, and bless Thy servants and their service. Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O God; O prosper Thou our handiwork. Direct their counsels to whom the work is especially entrusted, that it may be ordered to Thy greatest glory, and the greatest good of Thy believing people. Have in Thy holy keeping, the building and whatsoever appertains to it; that our sacred purpose may be brought the soonest to the best result. Direct and bless the skill of the architect, the master builder and the workmen. May they be safe from every accident and secure from every danger. And may all who are in any way connected

with this temple made with hands, be built up, through the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, as living stones. acceptable to Thee. through Him who is the tried and precious corner-stone, Thy Son, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

Then one of the clergy shall say to the people: HEAR THE WORDS OF ST. PAUL.—I Cor. III., 7-14.

SO then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

If any man s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

Then shall be sung a part of the 136th psalm, "Laudate Dominum".

O give thanks unto the *Lord*, for | He · is | gracious; *and* His | mercy · endureth · for | ever.

O give thanks unto the *God* | of · all | *gods; for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

O thank the *Lord* | of all | lords; *for* His mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

Who only do*eth* | great = | wonders; *for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

Who by His excellent wis*dom* | made · the | heavens: *for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

Who laid out the *earth* a | bove the | waters: *for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

Who hath *made* | great = lights: *for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever

The *sun* to | rule · the | day: *for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

The moon and the *stars* to | govern · the | night: *for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

Who giveth *food* | to · all | flesh: *for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

O give thanks un*to* the | God · of | heaven: *for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

O give thanks un*to* the | Lord · of | lords: *for* His | mercy · en | dureth · for | ever.

Glory be to the Fa*ther*, | and · to the | Son: *and* | to · the | Ho-ly | Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is *now*, and | ev-er | shall be: *world* | with out | end · A- | men.

Then shall notice be given of the deposits to be made in the corner-stone.

Then the corner-stone of the church being laid in its place, the Bishop shall say:

OUR help is in the name of the Lord.

Ans. Who hath made Heaven and earth.

Priests Except the Lord build the house their labor is but lost that build it.

Then the Bishop, strikiug the stone three times with a hammer, shall say:

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

I LAY the corner-stone of an edifice to be here erected by the name of the Church of the Good Shepherd, to be devoted to the service of Almighty God, according to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ, Who is God over all, blessed forevermore, in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of our sins.—*Amen.*

Address by the Rev. S. D. McConnell, D. D., President of the Northeast Convocation.

HYMN.

O Lord of hosts, Whose glory fills
The bounds of the eternal hills,
And yet vouchsafes, in Christian lands,
To dwell in temples made with hands;

Grant that all we, who here to-day
Rejoicing this foundation lay,
May be in very deed Thine own,
Built on the precious Corner-stone.

Endue The creatures with Thy grace
That shall adorn Thy dwelling-place;
The beauty of the oak and pine,
The gold and silver, make them Thine.

To Thee they all pertain; to Thee
The treasures of the earth and sea;
And when we bring them to Thy throne
We but present Thee with Thine own.

The heads that guide endue with skill,
The hands that work preserve from ill;
That we, who these foundations lay,
May raise the topstone in its day.

AMEN.

Address by the Rev. James S. Stone, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

HYMN.

God, my King, Thy might confessing,
Ever will I bless Thy name;
Day by day Thy throne addressing,
Still will I thy praise proclaim.

Honour great our God befitteth;
Who His majesty can reach?
Age to age His works transmitteth,
Age to age His power shall teach.

They shall talk of all Thy glory,
On Thy might and greatness dwell,
Speak of Thy dread acts the story,
And Thy deeds of wonder tell.

Nor shall fail from memory's treasure,
Works by love and mercy wrought—
Works of love surpassing measure,
Works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion,
Slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation;
All His works His goodness prove.

All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless Thee,
Thee shall all Thy saints adore;
King supreme shall they confess Thee,
And proclaim Thy sovereign power.

AMEN.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen*

O ALMIGHTY God Who has instructed thy Holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of the Evangelist Saint Mark; Give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy Holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

Recessional.

Pleasant are Thy courts above,
In the land of light and love;
Pleasant are Thy courts below,
In this land of sin and woe.
O, my spirit longs and faints
For the converse of Thy saints,
For the brightness of Thy face,
King of glory, God of grace.

Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thy altars, O Most High!
Happier souls, that find a rest,
In a Heavenly Father's breast!
Like the wandering dove, that found
No repose on earth around,
They can to their ark repair,
And enjoy it ever there.

Happy souls! their praises flow,
Ever in this vale of woe;
Waters in the desert rise,
Manna feeds them from the skies;
On they go from strength to strength,
Till they reach Thy throne at length;
At Thy feet adoring fall,
Who hast led them safe through all

Lord, be mine this prize to win;
Guide me through a world of sin,
Keep me by Thy saving grace,
Give me at Thy side a place;
Sun and shield alike Thou art;
Guide and guard my erring heart;
Grace and glory flow from Thee;
Shower, O shower them, Lord, on me.

AMEN.